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SUBJ: ANNIVERSARY OF CHOU'S PASSING: "INVESTIGATION" OF CHOU
PHOTO EXHIBITION, ACCUSATION THAT WANG HAL-JUNG OPPOSED
CHOU, AND REPORT OF "LEADERSHIP CONFLICT"

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1. SITUATION AT 1400 HOURS JANUARY 10 LOCAL.

2. NEW POSTERS, SLOGANS AND COMPOSITION-PAPER POETRY AND
ESSAYS CONTINUE TO ATTRACT LARGE CROWDS AT TIENANMEN
SQUARE AND ALONG CHANG AN STREET.

3. ONE ESSAY WRITTEN BY "A SOLDIER" ON LINED COMPOSITION
BOOK PAPER DATED JANUARY 8 CHARGED THAT AN EXHIBITION OF
CHOU EN-LAI PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMORABILIA SCHEDULED TO
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OPEN AT THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM ON JANUARY 8 HAD BEEN
DELAYED FOR "INVESTIGATION AND REVISION" BECAUSE IT
CONTAINED TOO MANY SCENES WITH TENG HSIAO-PING.
THE AUTHOR ASSERTED THAT "NO ONE CAN ALTER THE
FACT" THAT TENG CONSISTENTLY FOLLOWED CHAIRMAN
MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE AND REQUESTED "THE PARTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY CHAIRMAN HUA" TO OPEN

THE EXHIBITION AT AN EARLY DATE.

4. FURTHER EVIDENCE OF INDECISIVENESS OR DISSENSION WITHIN THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP WAS PROVIDED IN CONFIDENCE BY TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL CORRESPONDENT MUNRO (PLEASE PROTECT SOURCING STRICTLY). THEN HE QUESTIONED MCGILL UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR PAUL LIN ON REASONS FOR FAILURE TO HOLD THE ANTICIPATED MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR PREMIER CHOU ON THE 8TH, LIN REPLIED THAT THE CHANGE OF PLANS WAS INDICATIVE OF THE "CURRENT LEADERSHIP CONFLICT." (COMMENT: LIN'S ACCESS TO THE UPPER REACHES OF THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP IS UNQUESTIONED AND HIS JUDGMENT PRESUMABLY REFLECTS INSIDE KNOWLEDGE. MUNRO DOES NOT PLAN TO PRINT LIN'S COMMENT, WHICH WAS GIVEN ON STRICT BACKGROUND.)

5. ANOTHER SHORT ESSAY WRITTEN ON COMPOSITION BOOK PAPER BY "A YOUTH" WAS ENTITLED "WANG HAI-JUNG WILL COME TO NO GOOD END FOR HAVING OPPOSED PREMIER CHOU." THE POSTER CHARGES THAT WANG HAI-JUNG, WHO NOW MASQUERADES AS A HEROINE OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GANG OF FOUR, IN FACT SIDED WITH FAILED FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA TO OPPOSE CHOU EN-LAI AND VETERAN CADRES DURING THE 1974 CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS. MOREOVER, SHE HAD BLATANTLY DECEIVED TENG HSIAO-PING BY INFORMING HIM THAT CHAIRMAN MAO HAD CONFIDENCE IN HIM AND THAT HE SHOULD RESUME WORK; IN FACT SHE HAD WORKED TO BURY HIM. (COMMENT: IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT WHEN CONFIDENTIAL

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TENG REEMERGED FOR THE FIRST TIME IT WAS ON THE ARM OF WANG HAI-JUNG.) TANG WEN-SHENG (NANCY TANG) IS LINKED WITH WANG HAI-JUNG THOUGH NOT MADE THE OBJECT OF SPECIFIC CHARGES.

6. A LARGE POSTER FRESHLY PUT UP ON CHANG AN STREET CALLS FOR STRIKING DOWN LIU CHUAN-HSIN, CHIEF OF PEKING PUBLIC SECURITY. OTHER NEW POSTERS AT TIENANMEN GROUP PUBLIC SECURITY PERSONNEL AND MILITIA AS "HENCHMEN" OF THE GANG OF FOUR.

7. PERSONNEL OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH PASTED UP NEW POSTERS WITH BOLD BLACK AND RED CALLIGRAPHY ON YELLOW PAPER CHARGING THAT LIU HSIANG-PING (THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTEDLY SUBJECTED TO MASS STRUGGLE EARLIER FOR THE CRIMES OF HER DAUGHTER HEIEH CHING-YI) HAD BEEN THE "BLACK GENERAL" OF THE GANG OF FOUR AT THE MINISTRY. THE POSTERS, PASTED UP ON THE TIENANMEN SQUARE WOODEN FENCE AT 1400,

CHARGED THAT LIU WAS LEGALLY CULPABLE FOR THE
GANG'S CRIMES AND URGED THAT A FULL INVESTIGATION
BE MADE OF THE GANG'S LINKS AT THE MINISTRY.

8. ONE SMALL PEOM EXTOLLING "VICE PREMIER" TENG
HAD BEEN ALTERED BY AN UNKNOWN HAND TO READ "CHAIRMAN"
TENG. ELSEWHERE MANY NEW POSTERS CALLED FOR THE
RETURN OF TENG.

9. USLO OFFICERS LOCATED ONLY ONE NEW OPUS ATTACK-
ING WU TEH. NO FURTHER ATTACKS ON CHEN HSI-LIEN WERE
NOTED.
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